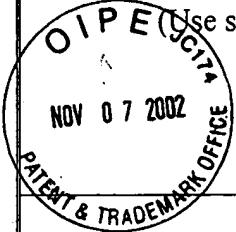


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due with the filing of this paper.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Also attached is a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report which is in French.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. If the Examiner applies any one of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application, and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute prior art under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

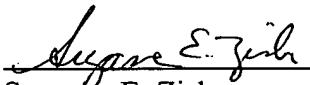
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